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N.I.A. 3rd Meeting

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY

Minutes of Meeting held in Room 212,
Department of State Building
on Tuesday, 2 April 1946, at 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, in the Chair
Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson
Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal

(NOTE: Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy, Personal Representative of the President, subsequently approved the action taken at the meeting.)

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Howard C. Petersen, Assistant Secretary of War
Mr. H. Freeman Matthews, Department of State
Mr. Edward Hidalgo, Navy Department

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1. PROGRESS REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

At Secretary Byrnes' request, ADMIRAL SOUERS gave a brief report on the progress of organization of the Central Intelligence Group, and noted some of the more important projects now in progress. He invited attention to the fact that the most urgent problem concerning the disposition of the Strategic Services Unit was covered by the paper for consideration at this meeting. Admiral Souers also explained that further details concerning current projects were available in the weekly Status Report which was distributed to the Authority.

2. POLICY ON LIQUIDATION OF THE STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT
(N.I.A. 3)

SECRETARY PATTERSON suggested the following amendments:

a. The addition of a new paragraph to the proposed N.I.A. Directive (page 4) as follows:

"5. The War Department shall retain the right to determine what portion of War Department funds, personnel and facilities can be made available to SSU by the War Department."

b. Insert the words "within your capabilities" in the second line of the third paragraph following the word "service", and in the sixth line of the third paragraph following the word "available":

THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY:

Approved N.I.A. 3 subject to the above amendments (Enclosure A thereto subsequently circulated as N.I.A. Directive No. 4).

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